

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/658,298	DOMINGUEZ ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Paper filed on 05 January 2005.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,11,13 and 14.

3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/20/05
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.



DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on Jan. 5, 2005, the applicants have canceled claims 15-22.
2. Claims 1-14 and 23 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Mr. Richard V. Person on April 20, 2005. The following changes have been made in the specification and claims:

In specification on page 1, immediately under the title, insert the first sentence as -----
This application claims benefit of provisional application 60/409,176 filed on 09/09/2002----- to insert continuing data.

Cancel claims 6, 8-10, 12 and 23.

In claim 1, definition of variable R3, lines 1-4, after naphthyl, delete -----, or a saturated or unsaturated 5- or 6-membered ring heterocycle containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, wherein no more than 2 of the heteroatoms are O or S, and the heterocycle is substituted by 0, 1 or 2 oxo groups and is optionally fused with a benzo group----- and furthermore, in line 1, after phenyl, insert ---or----.

In claim 1, definition of variable R4, line 1, after R4 is, delete ---phenyl, naphthyl, or a saturated or----- and furthermore, after unsaturated, delete ---5- or-----.

In claim 1, definition of variable R4, lines 2-4, after containing in line 2, delete ----1-4 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, wherein no more than 2 of the heteroatoms are O or S, and the heterocycle is substituted by 0, 1 or 2 oxo groups and is optionally fused

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with a benzo group, any of which are ----- and furthermore, insert ----only one N atom as heteroatom-----.

In claim 11, line 2, after pyridine, delete ----or pyrimidine, both of which are -----.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-5, 7, 11, 13 and 14, renumbered as claims 1-9, are allowed since the applicants have amended claims to delete non-elected subject matter and therefore, objection is now withdrawn.

The instant compounds are neither disclosed nor obvious over the prior art. In the prior art, Laufersweiler (U.S.Patent 6,677,337) discloses 1,2-dihydropyrazol-3-ones which are closely related to the instant compounds (see compounds in tables V and VI).

However, the compounds of Laufersweiler differ from the instant compounds in having pyrimidine attached to pyrazole ring at 5th position (variable R4 in the instant compounds) instead of pyridine and furthermore, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in the prior art to modify the compounds of Laufersweiler to prepare the instant compounds.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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